(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) A delegation of Cha-kma refugees from the Chittagong Hill Tracts in Bangladesh, who are presently in relief camps in Tripura, met with Indian authorities in New Delhi in September, 1991 and presented a memorandum. The memorandum, *inter alia,* calls for the restoration of land occupied by non-tribals to the original owners and for the withdrawal of all military and paramilitary forces from the Chittagong Hill Tracts.

(b) The Government considers the Chakmas' demands relating to the situation in the Chittagong Hill Tracts as an internal matter of Bangladesh. As regards the Chakma refugees in Tripura, we would like them to return voluntarily to their homes in Bangladesh at the earliest. We have repeatedly taken up the matter with the Bangladesh Government and requested them to take necessary steps which will give these refugees the confidence to return to their homes voluntarily and at the earliest.

Pakistani charges against India in the matter of Kashmir

1689. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakis tan's Minister of State for Foreign Affair, Mr. M. Saddique Khan Kanju in his recent address to the UN General Assembly on September 30, 1991 charged India with repression of the people of Kashmir, denying there the so-called right of self-determina tion and intransigent attitude;

(b) whether he also contested India's assertion that violence in Kashmir was engineered by Pakistan and claimed that the uprising in the State was entirely indigenous and spontaneous; and

(c) if so, what was India's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir.

(c) The Indian representative responded the same day and effectively countered all these charges and allegations. He drew attention to Pakistan's open interference in India's internal affairs and highlighted its support to terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir.

Amount released for the maintenance of National Highways in Andhra Pradesh

1690. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount released by the Central Government to the Government of Andhra Pradesh during 1990-91 and 1991-92 for the maintenance of national highways in the State;

(b) whether it is a fact that the amount released is insufficient for the maintenance of national highways in the State; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The amount released to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for the maintenance of National Highways during 1990-91 and 1991-92 is as follows:—

	Rs. in *lakhs* (as on date)
1990-91	1328.28
1991-92	1007.22

(b) The requirements for maintenance an]d repair of National Highways are worked out on the basis of approved norms devised by a High